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SUBJECT: U.S. LEGISLATION ON BEEF IMPORTS

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1. THE PRESS HERE THIS WEEK CARRIED A MAJOR STORY OF ATTEMPTS IN CONGRESS TO AMEND PRESENT MEAT LEGISLATION TO "ROLL BACK IMPORTS OF BEEF FROM COUNTRIES LIKE NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA". SUCH AMENDMENTS, ACCORDING TO THE STORY, WERE FIRST PRESSED "QUICKLY AND QUIETLY" BY THE DOMESTIC CATTLE INDUSTRY, BUT NOW THE ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED OPENLY IN HEARINGS BEFORE THE VANIK SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE. REPORTEDLY, NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR NORRISH MET TODAY WITH SECRETARY BERGLAND TO EXPRESS NEW ZEALAND'S CONCERNS OVER THESE MOVES.

2. WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTING FROM WASHINGTON ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS, AND AS WE FIND IT EMBARRASSING TO ASK THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND TO FILL US IN ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER AND INFORMATION OF SIGNIFICANT FUTURE
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